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- 16. The adenovirus vector of claim 14, wherein said cell type-specific TRE comprises an enhancer.
- 21. The adenovirus vector of claim 14, wherein said cell type-specific TRE comprises a prostate specific promoter and enhancer.
  - 24. A composition comprising:

a replication-competent adenovirus vector comprising a hypoxia responsive element (HRE) operably linked to an adenovirus gene essential for replication selected from the group consisting of E1A, E1B and E4, wherein said HRE comprises a binding site for hypoxia inducible factor-1; and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

- 25. An isolated host cell comprising the adenovirus vector of claim 1.
- 26. A method of propagating adenovirus in vitro, the method comprising:

introducing into a cell an ader ovirus vector comprising a hypoxia responsive element (HRE) operably linked to an adenovirus gene essential for replication selected from the group consisting of E1A, E1B and E4, wherein said HRE comprises a binding site for hypoxia inducible factor-1 wherein said cell is maintained under hypoxic conditions *in vitro*, thereby expressing said adenovirus gene essential for replication;

wherein said adenovirus is propagated.

- 32. The method of Claim 26, wherein said propagating of said adenovirus is cytotoxic to said cell.
  - 33. The method of Claim 32, wherein said cell is a tumor cell.
- 34. The adenovirus vector of claim 14, wherein said cell-type specific transcriptional regulatory element (TRE) is selected from the group consisting of a prostate-specific TRE (PSA-TRE), a glandular kallikrein-1 TRE (hKLK2-TRE), a probasin TRE (PB-TRE), an  $\alpha$ -fetoprotein TRE (AFP TRE) and a carcinoembryonic antigen TRE (CEA TRE).

Add the following new claims:

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- 35. (new) A replication-competent adenovirus vector for selective cytolysis of a target cell, comprising:
- an E2F-1 transcriptional regulatory element (TRE) operably linked to an adenovirus gene essential for replication selected from the group consisting of E1A, E1B and E4.
  - 36. (new) The adenovirus vector of claim 35, wherein the E2F-1 TRE is human.
- 37. (new) The adenovirus vector of Claim 36, wherein said E2F-1 TRE comprises the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- 38. (new) The adenovirus vector of Claim 35, wherein said E2F-1 TRE comprises a nucleotide sequence having at least 80% sequence identity with the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- 39. (new) The adenovirus vector of Claim 35, wherein said E2F-1 TRE comprises a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions with the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- 40. (new) The adenovirus vector of Claim 35, wherein said adenovirus gene essential for replication is operably linked to a composite regulatory element comprising said HRE and a cell-type specific transcriptional regulatory element (TRE).
- 41. (new) The adenovirus vector of claim 40, wherein said cell-type specific transcriptional regulatory element (TRE) is selected from the group consisting of a prostate-specific TRE (PSATRE), a glandular kallikrein-1 TRE (hKLK2-TRE), a probasin TRE (PB-TRE), an  $\alpha$ -fetoprotein TRE (AFP TRE) and a carcinoembryonic antigen TRE (CEA TRE).
  - 42. (new) A composition comprising:
- a replication competent adenovirus vector for selective cytolysis of a target cell, comprising an E2F-1 transcriptional regulatory element (TRE) operably linked to an adenovirus gene essential for replication selected from the group consisting of E1A, E1B and E4; and
  - a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
  - 43. (new) An isolated host cell comprising the adenovirus vector of Claim 35.